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APPLICANT: HARTMUT EICHINGER ART UNIT: 3635
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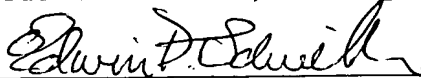
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection by the Examiner of Claims 20-31, as issued in the final Office Action, dated December 20, 2001, said appeal being taken on the following grounds:

A. Claims 20, 25, 26 and 28-31 were rejected by the Examiner as being anticipated, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(b), by O'Brian et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,365,799;

B. Claims 22, 23 and 27 were rejected by the Examiner

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C. Claim 21 was rejected by the Examiner as being obvious, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), over O'Brian et al., taken in view of Ahrens, U.S. Patent No. 4,447,055; and,

D. Claim 24 was rejected by the Examiner as being obvious, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), over O'Brian et al., taken in view of Vinson, U.S. Patent No. 4,262,900.

Claims 1-19 have been cancelled.

The Examiner is authorized to correct any discrepancy between the status of the claims and the rejections of record, and to advise the undersigned attorney-of-record, in the event that the Examiner does not concur with Applicant's understanding of the current status of the claims.

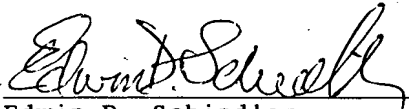
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